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Dear Mr. Jaffe,

I am writing to inform you that I highly support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens. I have read a recent report & reviewed pictures that just made my stomach curl. It's bad enough we keep this poor animals caged up their entire(very short) lives, but to see the pictures of their bodies is just discusting. Also, in this report it stated that the male chicks are stuffed in plastic bags to suffocate or be crushed to death. I can not believe that we call ourselves a civilized country sometimes. Believe me, I am not a chicken fanatic, but these pictures of these hens really disturbed me. The least we could do is take proper care of the animals.

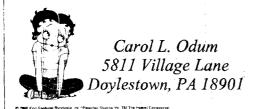
Thank you for taking a moment to read my letter.

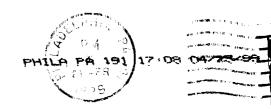
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